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Gentlemen:

This protracted litigation is akin to trying to milk a dead cow. Clearly, it smacks of an abuse of the legal system by attorneys interested more in fees than a just settlement.

I can see nothing wrong with Microsoft's efforts to integrate functions in any of their current Operating System platforms. To say that it disadvantages Apple (MAC) is ingenuous. There are MAC people and there are PC people. PC people are less likely to be graphics oriented, and prefer the control that Windows gives them. The integration is a plus.

What is to stop MAC from innovating rather than cry help? Information Technology has a life cycle measured in months. Any settlement will be partly out of date before it can be approved.

It still galls me to recall Mr. Klein, Janet Reno and group cavorting like children when the now chastised judge made his findings of law.

Thought should be given to the millions of Microsoft shareholders that will be affected by the actions of the DOJ. Consider retirement assets that have already been decimated, albeit not to the extent of Enron.

Let the individual States fight in the Supreme Court if they are not satisfied with an omnibus settlement.

Thank you,

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